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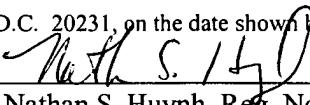
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FILING DATE: March 26, 2001  
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EXAMINER: T. Nguyen  
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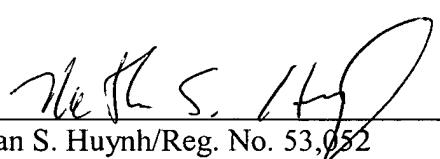
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Respectfully submitted,  
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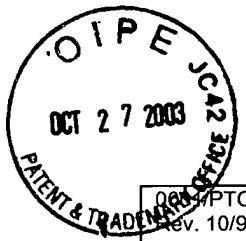
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